

1,814,864 to Sinclair or U.S. Patent No. 1,903,311 to McDonnell. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 11 recites a device for splash separation at a dandy roll comprising, among other features, “a rotating roll for capturing the detached water from the dandy roll, wherein the rotating roll is located in a position completely under an imagined horizontal plane, which goes through the center of the dandy roll.” The Office Action admits that this feature is not disclosed by Schwerdt, Sinclair and/or McDonnell. The Office Action suggests that one skilled in the art would have adjusted the roll configuration of Schwerdt so that the roll 4 is located in a position completely under an imagined horizontal plane, which goes through the center of the dandy roll. It is respectfully submitted that Schwerdt provides no motivation or suggestion that the roll should be configured in such a manner. While it is true that the roll can be raised up or down by raising or lowering the column 43, there is no suggestion that the roll can be lowered to a point at which the roll is in a position completely under an imagined horizontal plane, which goes through the center of the dandy roll. Indeed, the sizes of the cylinder 4 and the dandy-roll 3 illustrated in Figure 1 of Schwerdt makes it impossible for the cylinder 4 to be positioned completely under an imagined horizontal plane, which goes through the center of the dandy roll 3 because there would not be sufficient room between the imagined horizontal plane and the Fourdrinier wire 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that amending Schwerdt in such a manner as recited in independent claim 11 is not supported or suggested by Schwerdt and is an impermissible use of hindsight.

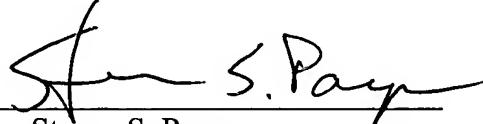
For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11, 12 and 15-19 are not unpatentable over any combination of Schwerdt, Sinclair and/or McDonnell.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of same is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview may expedite the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the below attorney at the indicated telephone number.

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